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Arnold et al

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For: A WARMING APPARATUS WITH AN  
INFLATABLE COVER AND AN INLET PORT PLUG

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

A Petition to Extend time accompanies this paper.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 11, 2002, applicants elect species  
XII in Figure 15.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

The claims are as follows:

34. (Twice Amended) A method for controlling airflow through an inflatable device having two or more inlet ports for admitting airflow into the device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a plug;  
placing the plug in an inlet port and retaining the plug in the inlet port;  
introducing an airflow into the device through another inlet port; and  
the plug restricting egress of the airflow through the other inlet port.